

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-11. (Canceled)

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing dye-containing particles, comprising:

preparing a solution of at least one dye and a water-insoluble polymer dissolved in a water-miscible organic solvent; and

continuously comixing in a static mixing nozzle the dye/polymer solution with an aqueous phase at relative rates sufficient to precipitate dye-containing polymer particles ranging in size ranging from 5 nm to 500 nm and having a particle size distribution width of $\leq 40\%$ of the at least one dye in a polymer matrix.

Claim 13. (Original) A process as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the precipitating of the polymer particles is effected in the presence of a protective colloid.

Claim 14. (Previously Amended) A process as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the polymer contains (in each case based on the total weight of the polymer) from 30 to 100 % by weight of at least one monomer a, from 0 to 60 % by weight of at least one monomer b

having polar groups and from 0 to 30 % by weight of at least one further monomer c, different from monomer a, in polymerized form.

Claim 15. (Original) A process as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the monomer a is selected from the group consisting of esters of α,β -ethylenically unsaturated C₃-C₈ monocarboxylic acids or C₄-C₈-dicarboxylic acids with C₁-C₁₂-alkanols, vinyl esters of C₁-C₁₂ monocarboxylic acids, aromatic vinyl compounds and C₂-C₆ olefins.

Claim 16. (Previously Amended) A process as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the monomer b is selected from the group consisting of α,β -ethylenically unsaturated C₃-C₈-monocarboxylic acids, α,β -ethylenically unsaturated C₄-C₈-dicarboxylic acids with C₁-C₁₂-alkanols and anhydrides thereof, aromatic vinylcarboxylic acids, monoethylenically unsaturated sulfonic acids and phosphonic acids, esters of α,β -ethylenically unsaturated C₃-C₈-monocarboxylic acids with amino-C₂-C₈-alkanols, mono-C₁-C₄-alkylamino-C₂-C₈-alkanols or di-C₁-C₄-alkylamino-C₂-C₈-alkanols, N-vinyl lactams and esters of α,β -ethylenically unsaturated C₃-C₈-monocarboxylic acids with C₂-C₈-hydroxyalcohols or the ethoxylated or propoxylated derivatives thereof.

Claims 17 and 18. (Canceled)